

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Kong-Hong Andy Choo, et al.

**Examiner:** Celine X. Qian

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**For:** NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES  
COMPRISING A NEOCENTROMERE

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

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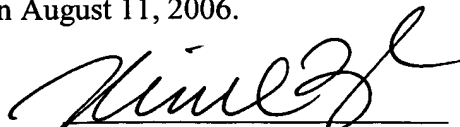
In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

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